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OPERATION KNOWLEDGE
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have chalked out any comprehensive plan for strengthening operation knowledge;

(b) if so, the salient features of such programmes; and

(c) the manner in which it is likely to strengthen the economy?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a),(b) and (c): It is estimated that about 7.77 lakh IT professionals at the high end would be required by 2008. Operation Knowledge is essentially a strategy to bridge the gap of IT professionals both in India and abroad which aims at doubling the intake in IT related engineering disciplines in 2001 and tripling it in 2003. 1999 has been taken as the base year when the intake in IT related engineering disciplines was 70,000. Consequently, this is proposed to be doubled to 1,40,000 by 2001 and 2,10,000 by 2003. In order to achieve this objective, the Government has set up a Task Force to address this issue. The Task Force has submitted its interim report wherein it has made forty-seven (47) specific recommendations to ensure adequate supply of manpower for the Information Technology sector. The recommendations are aimed at increasing the availability of quality IT manpower in the country and to help Indian Software Services Sector to increase it productivity and move up the value chain, enabling the country to achieve targeted annual revenue of US $ 87 billion including US $ 50 billion through exports in Software & Services sector in the year 2008.